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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
Sept. '57

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A. Operations:

(1) Infiltration

(a) No infiltration operations were mounted during the month. The second phase of the 1951 Infiltration Program originally scheduled for September was postponed until the October moon period due to delays encountered in completing the W/T training program.

(b) As of September 30, a total of six agents are in Albania. The two-man Pine team is operating in the Kukës region and a four-man Oak team is located near Sautari.

(2) Exfiltration

The six-man Pear team headed by Hamit Matiani exfiltrated intact from Albania on September 3rd. The complete debriefing of this team reports in detail on the killing of Thomas Prifti, Secretary of Communist Executive Committee of Oranoh and confirms the report of Cypress team members on the internal political and economic situation within Albania. The team was eminently successful in obtaining assets for future operations - a considerable number of Communist identity documents in current use. In addition the field forwarded composite lists of hundreds of potential safe-houses.

(3) Supply Drops

(a) An attempted resupply drop by the OPC covert plane to the OSO Throff team operating in South Central Albania on the night of September 12/13 was unsuccessful as no recognition signals were observed.

(b) The third successful supply drop to the two-man Pine tree team operating in Northern Albania near Kukës was made on the night of September 14/15. On the same flight, an attempt to supply the four-man Oak team, who are operating near Sautari, failed due to lack of recognition signals at the drop zone. Near

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(4) Training

In view of postponement of the Fall infiltration program from September to October, the Albanians presently in the covert school in Germany continued their W/T and G/W training programs. It is planned that this group will be moved to Greece by the 10th of October prior to infiltration.

B. Propaganda

(1) 100,000 copies of a special edition of Shqipëria, the NCFA newspaper, featuring an answer to a leaflet dropped by the Yugoslav controlled League of Albanian Political Refugees and an article in the clandestine radio transmitter were dropped by the OPC covert plane on the night of September 17/18. On September 29-29 the RAF dropped 500,000 leaflets, half of which were provided by BOFIEND.

(2) Following a week of spot announcements, the BOFIEND clandestine radio "Voice of Free Albania" began regular short-wave broadcasts from Athens at 10 P.M. on 18 September on the 43 meter band. To date no reaction to "The Voice of Free Albania" has been received from inside the country, but the programs have been heard in various European cities and have received favorable comment from NCFA committee members. The station has been given considerable publicity by VOA, BBC, RFE and the New York Times.

(3) Both issues of Shqipëria, the semi-monthly newspaper of NCFA were published on schedule. The special issue which was air dropped on 17-18 September has been used as the 1 October issue. In a new format, the 1 October issue begins the second volume of Shqipëria. Georges Gogh of the General Committee is presently in New York City at work on improving the quality of the newspaper and Zef Pali of the Executive Committee will follow in several weeks to supervise publication of future issues.

C. Political

The leaders of the ~~political~~ parties in NCFA have replied negatively to the joint U.S./British memorandum on the subject of broadening the National Committee by absorbing Ali Klissura and Ndus Markagjish and their followers into NCFA. To counteract the NCFA position, U.S. and British liaison officers to the NCFA, have submitted a reorganization plan which could be used to accomplish this aim and establish more effective control over the NCFA. During the month, visited the United States to discuss this matter and methods of improving the newspaper, but no decisions on the broadening question or reorganization of NCFA have been reached at this time as the Committee is functioning reasonably well in its present form.

D. Evaluation and Comments

Significant developments made during the past month deserve special comment:

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(1) The third successful supply drop to the Pine Tree team is evidence that this two-man group has been able to establish itself firmly in northern Albania. A secret ink letter written on August 5th reveals the team has carried out its instructions to the letter, and presents a keystone on which this project can expect to build an effective resistance net.

(2) The complete debriefing reports of the Pear and Cypress Teams have given us a good basis on which to review operations to date and plan for the future. The estimate of wretched economic conditions has been confirmed and widespread knowledge and support of NCFA inside Albania is evident. However, it is apparent that support of NCFA is proportional to the contribution NCFA can make in the struggle against the existing regime. The P/W campaign, however, well executed, is not enough if it is not carefully coordinated with the infiltration activities and development of an effective underground. For example, it has been shown that NCFA teams must be chosen on the basis of area knowledge rather than on political considerations, and men with prestige in the area and genuine leadership qualities must be selected to head each team.

(3) The commencement of short-wave broadcasts which rounds out the P/W program gives NCFA direct access to the mass of Albanian people, the Army, and the members of the Communist Party for the first time. Previously NCFA has had to rely on the leaflet campaign and other activities to spread its message to the restless population.

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